

# **Bush Administration Belittled Suggestions War Would Be Costly**

**STEPHANOPOULOS:** “What should the public know right now about what a war with Iraq would look like and what the cost would be?”

**RUMSFELD:** “...The Office of Management and Budget estimated it would be something under \$50 billion.”

**STEPHANOPOULOS:** “Outside estimates say up to \$300 billion.”

**RUMSFELD:** “Baloney.”

— Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld  
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George Stephanopoulos”  
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